AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting information in a motor vehicle among electrical components of the motor vehicle, which are connected to a data bus structure of the motor vehicle in order to transmit information and to a power line structure of the motor vehicle in order to be supplied with power, comprising:

transmitting the information in successive cycles over the data bus structure, each cycle including at least one time window for transmitting information at specific points in time and at least one event window for transmitting information in response to specific events; and

contemporaneously with the transmitting of the information in the at least one time window, transmitting at least one portion of the information transmitted in the at least one time window over the power line structure, thereby causing for purposes of redundant information transmission.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting information in a motor vehicle among electrical components of the motor vehicle, which are connected to a data bus structure of the motor vehicle in order to transmit information and to a power line structure of the motor vehicle in order to be supplied with power, comprising:

transmitting at least some information both via the data bus structure and via the power line structure, in order to provide redundant information transmission;

wherein the information is transmitted in successive cycles over the data bus structure, each cycle including at least one time window for transmitting information at specific points in time and at least one event window for transmitting information in response to specific events, and wherein at least one portion of the information transmitted in the at least one time window over the data bus structure is transmitted over the power line structure contemporaneously with the transmitting of the information in the at least one time window.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the information is transmitted over the data bus structure in accordance with a Time-Triggered Controller Area Network (TTCAN) protocol.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the information is transmitted over the data bus structure in accordance with a FlexRay protocol.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the information is transmitted over the data bus structure in accordance with a Time-Triggered Protocol (TTP).

16. (Currently Amended) A communications system for a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle including a plurality of electrical components, a data bus structure to which the components are connected for transmitting information among the components and a power line structure to which the components are connected in order to be supplied with power, the communication system comprising:

an arrangement configured to transmit the information in successive cycles over the data bus structure, each cycle including at least one time window for transmitting information at specific points in time and at least one event window for transmitting information in response to specific events, the arrangement further configured to redundantly transmit at least some of the information transmitted in the at least one time window over the data bus structure over the power line structure, wherein the redundant transmission occurs contemporaneously with the transmitting of the information in the at least one time window.

17. (Currently Amended) A communications system for a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle including a plurality of electrical components, a data bus structure to which the components are connected in order to transmit information among the components, and a power line structure to which the components are connected in order to be supplied with power, the communication system comprising:

an arrangement configured to transmit at least some of the information both via the data bus structure and via the power line structure, the information being transmitted in successive cycles over the data bus structure, each cycle including at least one time window for transmitting information at specific points in time and at least one event window for transmitting information in response to specific events, [[and]] wherein the arrangement is further configured to redundantly transmit at least one portion of the information transmitted

in the at least one time window over the data bus structure over the power line structure, and wherein the redundant transmission occurs contemporaneously with the transmitting of the information in the at least one time window.

18. (Previously Presented) The communications system as recited in claim 16, wherein the information is transmitted over the data bus structure in accordance with a Time-Triggered Controller Area Network (TTCAN) protocol.

19. (Previously Presented) The communications system as recited in claim 16, wherein the information is transmitted over the data bus structure in accordance with a FlexRay protocol.

20. (Previously Presented) The communications system as recited in claim 16, wherein the information is transmitted over the data bus structure in accordance with a Time-Triggered Protocol.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the power line structure is not used to transmit information that is also transmitted during the at least one event window.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 12, wherein the power line structure is not used to transmit information that is also transmitted during the at least one event window.

23. (Previously Presented) The communications system as recited in claim 16, wherein the power line structure is not used to transmit information that is also transmitted during the at least one event window.

24. (Previously Presented) The communications system as recited in claim 17, wherein the power line structure is not used to transmit information that is also transmitted during the at least one event window.